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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 31, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2001:

In the specification:

Please replace the text at page 16 lines 18-25 with the following:

Figure 4 illustrates an alternative embodiment of the invention in which cell arrays are in microwells 40 on a microplate 41, described in co-pending U.S. Patent 6,103,479, incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Typically the microplate is 20 mm by 30 mm as compared to a standard 96 well microtiter plate which is 86 mm by 129 mm. The higher density array of cells on a microplate allows the microplate to be imaged at a low resolution of a few microns per pixel for high throughput and particular locations on the microplate to be imaged at a higher resolution of less than 0.5 microns per pixel. These two resolution modes help to improve the overall throughput of the system.

Please replace the text at page 20 lines 1-18 with the following: